

# THREE RACCOONS KILLED HIS DOG.

Hunter Engelman Had a  
Hard Time in Conquer-  
ing Them.

BIT AND SCRATCHED HIM.

Dog Retired from the Unequal  
Fight and His Owner Found  
Him Lying Dead at Home.

John Engelman, a farmer, of Mount Pleasant, N. J., is mourning the loss of his favorite hound, Pretzel, killed in a fight with three cubs Sunday, and is nursing many scratches on his face and arms received in his attempt to rescue his dog from his slayers.

Early Sunday morning Engelman started out with Pretzel to look up some cotton-tails, intending to go shooting Wednesday of this week. They finally struck into Ash Swamp, a dense morass, which extends for three miles between Highway and Plainfield. The dog's master had been told that he was on the track of game. Engelman followed, but before he overtook the hound it

Soon, at the foot of a large oak tree, I found Pretzel at bay, surrounded by three raccoons, who were having much the best of the fight. Every time Pretzel grabbed a raccoon, the other two would jump on his back and with teeth and claws force him to loosen his hold. Then they would reach out and grab him by the throat, would advance on the enemy. They would make the unequal contest, and attempted to see, but the raccoons caught him by the heels and clawed and bit him until he howled

Engelman grabbed a fallen sapling and started in to help the bound, but no sooner had he swung his club than the snarling, biting animals were upon him. After a hard fight he succeeded in striking and killing one of them and breaking the legs of another. The third escaped in a hole in the tree. Engelman smoked him out and

He then called loudly for Pretzel, but as the dog did not appear, he gathered up the three raccoons and started for home. When he entered his front yard he saw Pretzel, apparently asleep on the piazza, but a moment later he found that

Engelmann's appearance when he entered the house created a sensation. His face was horribly scratched, and his clothing was rent in many places. After a physician had attended to his wounds, Engelmann gave proper burial to Pretzel beneath a tree in the apple orchard.

Cost the Democrats a Vote.

The vest pocket vote of Michael Delaney,

of Trenton, N. J., come near landing him in jail. It was the only rejected ballot in the Seventh Ward, and Michael expressed himself as being very glad that it was rejected.

When Delancy left home election day morning he stuck his chosen ballot in his vest pocket. On the way to the polls he

met Mrs. Morrissey, a widow, with whom he was well acquainted. She handed him a slip of paper containing a \$10 bill and a memorandum describing certain groceries she wanted him to buy for her. Michael agreed to perform the errand, thrust the memorandum, with money inside, into his

Michael reached home late that night and was feeling very much the worse for wear next morning, when the Widow Morrissey called for her groceries and the change of her \$10 bill.

having forgotten to attend to the errand and reached into his vest pocket for the woman's money. He hauled out a straight Democratic ticket. There was nothing else to be found.

He explained that he must have either lost the money or voted it by mistake, but the widow scolded him of spending her

"If Ol didn't vote the tin dollars by mistake Ol've losht it," he said, "an' will make it up to Mrs. Morrissey as soon as Ol can afirn it."

"But," said the Justice, "the ballot box

Mrs. Morrissey finally agreed to wait until the ballot box was opened by the Board of Canvassers, though she said she had no faith in Michael's story.

Upon examination it was found to be Mrs. Morrissey's \$10 bill and her grocery memorandum.

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## TROLLEY GRABS STREETS.

Heights Railroad Installs Tracks on Stolen Thoroughfares on Sunday and Now Asks Courts for More.

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The Brooklyn Heights Railroad Company grabbed about three blocks of Brooklyn's streets on Sunday, and laid their tracks while the taxpayers and justices were asleep.

The same company cast longing eyes at the little strip of land which separates the Court and Fulton streets, a few feet west of the City Hall Park. The company had not sufficient assurance to steal this property outright, but made a demand for it through the court, yesterday.

The railroad corporation already have a siding at the City Hall, it is built on a quarter of an acre, and would make a loop around the City Hall Park and join the tracks on Court street. Only about

While people were at church Sunday, the same railroad company had a big gang of men laying a high-pressure water main along the street between Second and Ninety-ninth streets, Fort Hamilton. Property owners in the

neighborhood were very indignant, and tried to prevent the work, but the men paid no heed to them, and by night had the tracks were all laid.

The property owners will appeal to the courts to have the tracks taken up.

**Colonel Harry Michell is Retired.**

Albany, N. Y., Nov. 8.—Adjutant-General C. Whitney Tillinghast issued a special order to-day, retiring from active service Colonel Harry W. Michell, commander of the Fourteenth Regiment, in Brooklyn.

**Would Be a J. Waldere Kirk.**

The Flatbush police were yesterday asked to look for Emil Feist, whose address is unknown, but who on Saturday was employed by Howell Clark, of Manhattan Junction and Flatbush avenue, as stable man and on Sunday disappeared with Mr. Clark's \$20 driving coat and a \$30 dress suit.